The Oliver and Blanche Tew House faces east onto Lovely Street. Tall trees line its north border. Houses similar in design exist in the neighboring blocks.
This Colonial Revival-style building features details typical of its style. A projecting portico with columns, fanlight, and entablature highlights the three-bay facade. Two picture windows flank the entrance decorated with sidelights. A shed-roofed dormer with three bays extends from the second floor's gambrel roof. On the south elevation is an enclosed porch with a balustrade above the roof and a brick chimney.

In 1915 Unionville businessmen Sherman and Edwin Sanford deeded a one acre lot to Sherman's daughter and son-in-law, Oliver C. and Blanche A. Tew (FLR 77:627). Oliver, a toolmaker from Buckingham, England, married Blanche A. Sanford (b. 1871) in 1898. By February of 1917 the couple mortgaged the property "with buildings" for $2,000 (FLR 75:199), dating the house's construction between 1915 and 1916. The original formal garden with circular lily pool was designed and built by Augustus Lawson in the early 1920s. Lawson was married to Blanche Sanford Tew's sister, Bertha Sanford Lawson.

Architecturally significant, the Oliver and Blanche Tew House is a good example of the Colonial Revival style.

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